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Application No. 09/881,925
Petition to Accord Correspondence Filing Date

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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Kei YAMADA et al

Serial No. : 09/881,925

Filed : June 14, 2001

For : AN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM

Art Unit : 2624

Examiner : Lucas Divine

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This is a Petition to accord the date of May 9, 2005 as the "date in" for the correspondence (Amendment and IDS) which was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) for Express Mail delivery on May 9, 2005. The Amendment was responsive to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005.

The following is the showing required by 37 CFR 1.10(d):

1. The undersigned, the attorney in charge of the present application, learned on May 19, 2005 that the Amendment and IDS sent via Express Mail on May 9, 2005 was "received" by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on May 10, 2005. This was brought to my

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attention during a routine check of postcards (with "date in" stamps) returned by the USPTO.

2. Attached are true copies of (i) the first page of the Amendment (response to Office Action of February 8, 2005) which was filed, (ii) The first page of the IDS which was filed, and (iii) the returned receipt postcard. All show the date of May 9, 2005 on which the correspondence was mailed with Express Mail Label No. EV 478458934 US, and that the label number of the Express Mail was placed thereon prior to the original mailing.
3. Attached is a true copy of the PATENT OFFICE EXPRESS MAIL RECORD for May 9, 2005, prepared by our office for Express Mail sent to the USPTO on May 9, 2005, which lists the contents of the envelope carrying Express Mail Label No. EV 478458934 US. This sheet shows that the subject Amendment and IDS (identified by our docket number 01358/LH) were included in the Express Mail envelope which was deposited with a USPS employee on May 9, 2005. The PATENT OFFICE EXPRESS MAIL RECORD was created on May 9, 2005, the same day that the Express Mail Package was dispatched to the Patent Office, and before the package was picked up the USPS employee.

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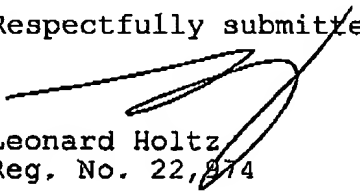
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4. Also attached is a true copy of our office EXPRESS MAIL RECORD with the USPS PICKUP SERVICE STATEMENT showing that four(4) Express Mail envelopes (one of which contained the subject Amendment and IDS) were picked up in our office by the USPS on May 9, 2005. The USPS PICKUP SERVICE STATEMENT, signed by our Office Manager, Cathy Bacon (customer signature), and by R. Zito (USPS signature) shows the USPS pickup took place at 5:29pm on May 9, 2005. (The Office of the undersigned has a standing order for daily Express Mail pickups at our office by a USPS employee.)

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Submitted herewith is Form PTO/SB/08A and a full English translation of JP 10-322396, which is listed thereon.

JP 10-322396 was cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in the counterpart European application. A copy of the communication from the EPO is attached. An English language abstract of JP 10-322396 has already been considered by the Examiner in the present application.

EP 0 843 230 and USP 5,414,494, which were also cited in the communication from the EPO, have also already been considered by the Examiner in the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the English language translation of JP 10-322396 be considered and made of record in

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AMENDMENT

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
February 8, 2005, the term for response to which expires on
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May 9, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 4 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Claims 1-74 are
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Remarks begin on page 31 of this paper.

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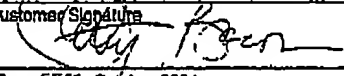
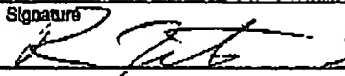
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Estimated total weight of all packages..... (in pounds)	

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- ☐ Express Mail Corporate Account No. or Federal Agency No. ☐ Postage Due Account
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4. Affix Stamps or Meter Strip Here (if applicable)

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